



Speed Pitching FAQs

WHEN DO THE APPLICATIONS OPEN?

04/10/21

Please see the key dates below for more information:

Applications Close 11/10/21 or once last space filled

Notify writers which editor they are seeing by 15/10/21

Teams links to be sent by 15/10/21

Event Date 22/10/21

WILL ALL APPLICANTS RECEIVE A SESSION?

Meetings are limited to 96 spaces and authors will be notified by 15/10/21 if they have an appointment. All appointments will be assigned in advance and the application page will close after the limit of applications has been released.

The appointments will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

CAN I SEE MORE THAN ONE EDITOR?

Each writer only has one meeting at the event.

HOW LONG WILL THE PITCH BE?

The pitch will last 10 minutes.

IS THE EVENT ONLY TAKING PLACE IN PERSON?

It is a hybrid event with some meetings taking place in person and some online via Teams for those who cannot attend in person. Please specify which meeting you would prefer on Stack Form.

If your meeting will take place online, the editor you are meeting with will send you a Teams invitation by 15/10/21.

CAN I CHOOSE THE EDITOR I WILL PITCH TO?

We will match you with the editor who is the best fit for your work.

DO I NEED TO SUBMIT ANYTHING IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING?

No, just bring your pitch on the day of the event.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

As the pitch lasts 10 minutes, there is no need to bring a manuscript but it would be useful to bring a 1-page pitch document to share. See our Speed Pitching Top Tips.

Also, please do bring a pen and a notebook or a piece of paper if you'd like to take some notes during the meeting.

WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM THE PITCH?

The speed-pitching event is an occasion to get advice on your project. Whether you have written the book or are still in the process, our editors are here to offer advice.

Please note that the speed-pitching event offers no guarantee of a future publishing contract or further editorial advice and feedback.

WILL THERE BE A CHANCE TO NETWORK AFTERWARDS?

Yes, there will be a 30-minute coffee meeting afterwards for all attendees to network with the editors and other writers.

CAN I SUBMIT MY SUBMISSION AFTERWARDS?

Yes, if the editor has asked you to.

CAN WE DISCUSS ANOTHER OF MY PROJECTS AT THE 1-1 MEETING?

Only one project can be discussed at the meeting.

HOW DO I FIND AN AGENT?

Check out the Writers & Artists' Yearbook available from all good bookshops.

CAN YOU SUGGEST OTHER PUBLISHERS FOR ME TO SUBMIT TO?

Check out the Writers & Artists' Yearbook.

ARE YOU ABLE TO SEND ME NOTES AFTER OUR MEETING?

All feedback will be given in the meeting.

IF I HAVE A QUESTION AHEAD OF THE EVENT, WHO CAN I CONTACT?

Please email: HUK.All@hachette.co.uk